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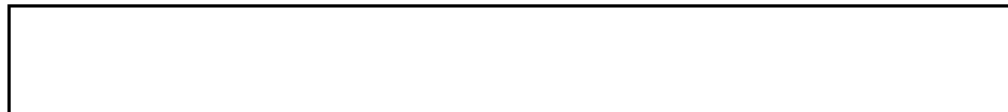
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*Vietnam: (Information as of 4:30 AM EST)

The Military Situation in South Vietnam: Small-scale Viet Cong attacks appear to be picking up again in the delta area south of Saigon. On 17 February, South Vietnamese troops in Long An Province lost six killed and six wounded while successfully defending a government outpost. Twenty-one civilian houses were destroyed during the action. Viet Cong losses were 28 killed and 17 weapons lost.

Further south, Communist forces under the cover of mortar fire attacked another outpost in Bac Lieu Province and inflicted government losses of 19 killed, one wounded, two missing, and 31 weapons. Viet Cong casualties are unknown. Other similar attacks have recently been reported in Phong Dinh, Dinh Tuong, and Kien Hoa provinces.

Enemy-initiated incidents have increased markedly in the Saigon area in the past three months. US military officials confirmed the existence of a Viet Cong regiment within a 20-mile radius of the capital last December.

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[redacted] the Viet Cong have plans to form a second regiment. [redacted]

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[Various evidence suggests intensified political action by the Viet Cong in Saigon during the coming year, as well as the continued growth of enemy military activity in the general capital area. The US Embassy has commented that the increasingly restive mood of the Vietnamese residing in Saigon--due largely to spiraling inflation--may make them more vulnerable to Viet Cong political pressure. [redacted]

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Communist political cadres are planning to infiltrate Saigon during the coming months to undertake a strong political action program. [redacted]

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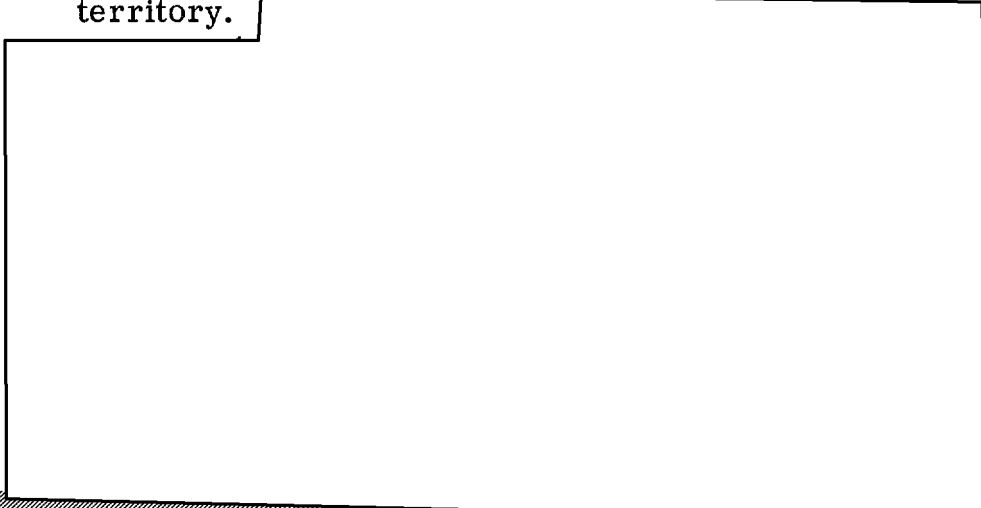
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USSR: Moscow is playing up the crash of a nuclear-armed US B-52 Stratofortress bomber along the Spanish coast last month.

The Soviets are attempting to stir up misgivings among US allies over the deployment of nuclear weapons on foreign territories and to buttress the Soviet position in the Geneva disarmament talks. Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko handed an aide memoire to Ambassador Kohler on 16 February which charged that the incident constituted a violation by the US of international agreements pertaining to the prevention of radioactive contamination.. Gromyko pointed out that the flight beyond national borders of aircraft carrying nuclear weapons was an issue of international concern, and in this instance was "in conflict with" the test ban treaty.

Subsequently, Soviet delegate Tsarapkin introduced the subject at the Geneva conference, which was beginning deliberations on a nonproliferation treaty. Tsarapkin proposed that the conference endorse a resolution calling for discontinuance of such flights as well as for the elimination of foreign bases.

Premier Kosygin earlier had offered to pledge the USSR, in a nonproliferation treaty, not to attack any non-nuclear nation which signs the treaty and prohibits the deployment of nuclear arms on its territory.



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*Dominican Republic: The general strike has ended with rightists calling President Garcia Godoy the "docile instrument of Juan Bosch" and the extreme left labeling Bosch's agreement to end the strike as a "betrayal of the revolution for electoral pretensions." It is still uncertain what measures Garcia Godoy will use, if necessary, to force the army and air force chiefs to step down. In an effort to mitigate criticism that he has favored the left, the President decreed on 18 February the dismissal of over 80 municipal officials and two of the 26 provincial governors, nearly all of whom he privately claimed were supporters of Bosch's Dominican Revolutionary Party.

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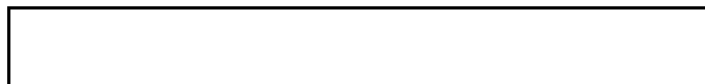
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